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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether oil conservation through efficient utilization can be looked upon as a quicker, efficient and economic source of new energy;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to adopt more efficient technologies available around the world and to use market driven approaches;

(c) whether there is an urgent need to establish a system framework and approach to relies the overall conservation potential;

(d) if so, whether the Union Government has set any system for overall conservation of precious oil; and

(e) if so, the result achieved in regard to oil conservation?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a):- Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d):- In order to create awareness on the importance and need for conservation through efficient utilisation of petroleum products among consumers and assist them in this regard, Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) was set up as a registered society under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas in 1978. Its mandate is to promote conservation of petroleum products in the major consuming sectors of transport, industry, household and agriculture through direct technical assistance, research and development, educational and training programme and mass awareness campaign.

(e):- During 2006-07 (April 06 -December 06), PCRA conducted 184 energy audits in the Industrial sector. The Savings identified through these studies was 60590 Kilo Litres of Oil Equivalent (Rs. 115 crores) and the savings realized through follow up studies was 11600 KLOE (Rs. 22 crores). PCRA`s Driver Training Programmes have also accrued additional benefits to Rajasthan State Road Transport Corporation (RSRTC) in terms of 7% reduction in maintenance cost amounting to Rs. 54 crores per annum.